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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

4. (previously presented) A non-aqueous electrolyte sodium secondary battery

comprising a positive electrode active material, wherein the positive electrode active material

comprises a composite oxide containing mainly iron and sodium, having a hexagonal crystal

structure, and exhibiting a value of 2 or less obtained by dividing the XRD peak intensity

corresponding to an interplanar spacing of 2.20 Å by the XRD peak intensity corresponding to an

interplanar spacing of 5.36 Å, and charge carriers are sodium ions.

(previously presented) A non-aqueous electrolyte sodium secondary battery

according to claim 4, wherein the composite oxide is represented by the formula NaFe_{1-x}M_xO₂

(where M is at least one element selected from the group consisting of trivalent metals, and x

satisfies $0 \le x < 0.5$).

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